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Letter To The Editor

I attended the Town Meeting held in May and was amazed then and now am even more amazed! I was grateful for the opportunity to study Mr. Maniates remarks printed in the June 1 Times-Virginian.

I agree with Mr. Maniates that the ills of society are best attacked at the "roots". BUT, (to borrow his analogy) quite often a plant or tree dies as a result of root disease. The effects of the disease are first visible at the top. The systems gradually work their way down the trunk and only when it is too late is the true problem recognized.

We - the "roots" have chosen the officials at the top in government. If those officials are unresponsive, then the voters may "send up new sap". Ultimately the responsibility lies in the hands of the public - the silent majority.

I do not believe that attendance at one Board of Supervisors meeting constitutes a great deal of concern for local government. I recognize the problem many persons, myself included, have with the time of the meetings. I also am cognizant of the problem of time for the Supervisors. Dr. Lawson pointed out the fact that a meeting which began at an hour convenient for a working person would run until the wee hours of the morning. Even if it means that I cannot attend, I would rather have governmental decisions which affect me made by clear-headed representatives than by persons whose primary concern was to get home before sunrise. I have been involved in too many meetings in which the primary purpose seemed to be just that. In those meetings, little of any importance was accomplished by tired minds.

I pay my taxes in Appomattox County. Living here is my choice, my pleasure, and my privilege.

Patsy Butler

THOMAS KEITH FERGUSON RECEIVES BS DEGREE

Thomas Keith Ferguson, a 1974 graduate of Appomattox County High School, received his B. S. degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research in the 106th commencement exercises at VPI & SU in Blacksburg on June 10, 1978.

Ferguson has been a member of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers for the past three years and served as programs chairman during his junior and senior years at college.

He will begin employment July 10, 1978 as an Associate Management Engineer for the Hospital and Health Services, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ferguson of Appomattox.

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The Pastor Speaks

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The Bible declares that Jesus is victorious over Satan, the evil one and that the "born-again" Christian shares in the victory:

"This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4).

"But thanks be to God who is giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:58).

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

"Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ." (2 Cor. 2:14).

We are not working from defeat to victory, but from victory to victory. Victory is not a point of departure or even a destination. It is a way of going. It does not rest on what we are, have done, or are doing. It rests on Him - the Lord Jesus Christ. In short, since victory is a way of going and Jesus is the way, victory is simply Jesus Christ.

But alas, dear reader, this does not mean that you are walking now in victory. In fact, it may be that at this very hour you have been confronted by a problem of such nature that your victory is seemingly gone. You are thinking, "If this is victory, I wonder what defeat is like." To have victory as a possession does not mean that you have victory as practice. You can own a Cadillac and walk! You can have groceries and go hungry! You can have friends and be lonely! You can have Jesus Christ and be motivated by the devil! You can have the victory and be living in defeat!

You can have the victory, but it is a matter of acknowledging your victory to be in Jesus, appropriating it by faith's act, asserting it by faith's word, and applying it through faith's demonstration! This life is a river, not a pool. A river is fresh and flowing; a pool can become static or stagnant. When victory is static, it is no longer victory. The promise of Jesus is, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me as the scriptures hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7:37-38).

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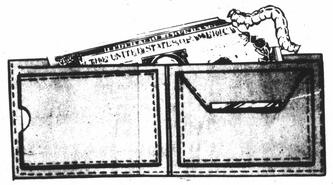

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